Introduced by Assembly Members Gordon and Parra (Coauthors: Assembly Members Bermudez, Chavez, Shirley Horton, and Walters)

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An act to amend Section 48306 of the Education Code, relating to school districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 208, as introduced, Gordon. School districts: priority for attendance: children of military personnel.

(1) Existing law requires each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years, not otherwise exempt, to attend the public full-time day school in the district in which their parent or guardian is a resident. Existing law, until January 1, 2008, authorizes the governing board of a school district to adopt a resolution to become a school district of choice that accepts interdistrict transfers, as specified. Existing law authorizes the district to limit the number of pupils accepted for transfer in specified circumstances, but requires district to give priority for attendance to siblings of children already in attendance in that district.

This bill would also require a school district of choice to give priority for attendance to children of military personnel.

Because this bill would impose this requirements on school districts of choice, it would create a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

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This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48306 of the Education Code is 2 amended to read:
- 48306. Each school district of choice shall give priority for attendance to siblings of children already in attendance in that district *and to children of military personnel*.
- 6 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that 7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
- 8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
- 9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.